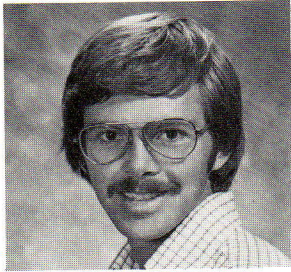


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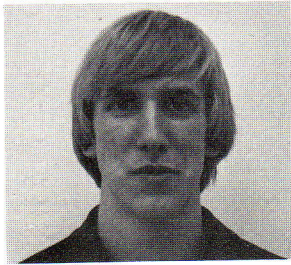


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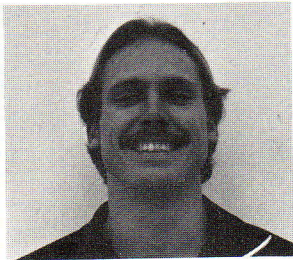
MEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM



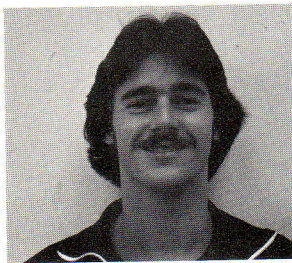
FRANCOIS BIGELOW was recognized by the coach as a talented and eager student in the gymnastics class. Francois is a 5'11", 150 lb, junior physical education major from Austin High School, who focuses his versatile athletic ability as a specialist on the High Bar. This newcomer is a must for high team scores this season.



DAVID BYBELL, a graduate of J.J. Pearce High School of Dallas, is a freshman who in only one semester has earned a top spot on the most difficult gymnastic event, Pommel Horse. David, a 5'11", 135 lb, grade-conscious pre-med student is also likely to see action on the Rings.



GARY DOWDY, a graduate of Austin Reagan High School is an All-Around competitor, with his favorite events being Floor-X, Pommel Horse, and High Bar. Gary, a 1975 transfer from Brigham Young, is a 6'0", 160 lb, senior electrical engineering major serving for a third year as captain of the team.



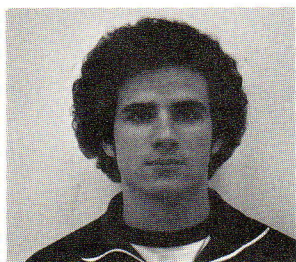
MASON HARLOW, a 5'7", 130 lb, sociology major from Austin Crockett High School has enhanced the team by becoming an All-Around competitor. Mason, already a top scorer for the Horns in Vaulting and High Bar, has shown his versatility by his All-Around performance in the 1978 Intrasquad Meet.



MARK HARTWELL, a vastly improved gymnast, is a top performer in Floor-X, Rings, and Vaulting. This 5'7", 150 lb, pre-veterinary medicine major is a graduate of Austin McCallum High School. Mark, a fierce senior competitor and valuable team member, has great potential for high scoring this season.



ROB JULIAN, a 1976 transfer from Oklahoma University, is another up and coming gymnast. With his best events being Floor-X and Rings, Rob has already proved himself the top All-Around of the team. This 5'8", 148 lb, senior physical education major is a graduate of Abilene Cooper High School and still has a year of eligibility left.



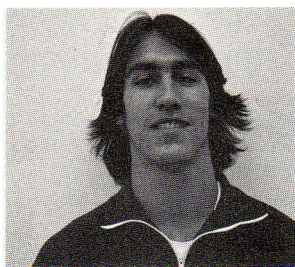
ALBERT MARABELLA is another newcomer who as a beginner in Coach Dailey's gymnastic class last spring has become determine to be a team member. Albert is a 5'9", 158 lb, junior broadcast journalism major from O'Connell High School in Galveston. He specializes in Floor-X and Parallel Bars for the Horns.



ROME MILAN, a 5'11", 145 lb, sophomore physical education major from Euless Trinity High School, has become an outstanding Rings competitor. Rome, who is an essential All-Around for the team, wants to continue in gymnastics after graduation as a coach. He also organizes all exhibitions given by the Texas Gymnastics Team.



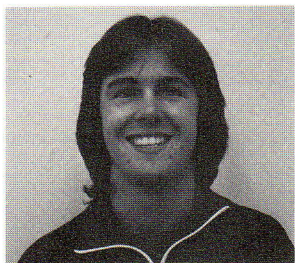
COACH BOB DAILEY, now in his second year as a Physical Activity Specialist at U.T., is continuing his success as Men's Gymnastic Coach. He has coached high school track and field, soccer, and men and women's gymnastics. Bob received his B.S. Degree from Plymouth State College in New Hampshire where he participated in five varsity sports; football, lacrosse, gymnastics, tennis, and skiing. He is also a member of the National Ski Patrol. Before coming to the University of Texas, Bob was Director of Gymnastics at the Springfield YMCA. He also taught skill courses at Springfield College in Massachusetts where he received his Masters Degree in Education in May, 1977.



JIM PRESCOTT, a 6'0", 155 lb, transfer from Wheaton Junior College in Maryland, is a promising young All-Around. Jim's favorite events are Parallel Bars and High Bar. This sophomore pre-med student is a graduate of Fairland Central High School and has great potential for the coming seasons.



MARK SHERMAN is an outstanding senior with new confidence for high scoring this season. Mark, also a captain for the Horns, is a 5'6½", 144 lb, physical education major from Midwood High School in Brooklyn, New York. He competes Floor-X, Rings, and his favorite event Parallel Bars. Mark has won P-Bars in big meets in Odessa and Farmingdale, NY.



SCOTT THOMAS, a freshman, who is a big asset to the team. This 5'8", 135 lb, Business major shows great determination and potential as a High Bar specialist. His constant strive for improvement has allowed him easy adjustment from high school to the college ranks. Scott is a graduate of Austin Anderson High School.



ERIC WIESNER, a freshman who offers a bright outlook for the future of this team. Eric placed sixth in Rings at the Florida High School State Meet. This 5'7", 130 lb, mechanical engineering major graduated from Coral Gables High School in Miami, Fla. He has a great potential as an All-Around with his favorite events being Rings and Floor-X.



DAVID FONKEN is assistant coach for the Horns, with his speciality being the Pommel Horse. He was a member of the Texas Gymnastics Team in the years 1970 through 1974. David graduated from U.T. with a B.S. degree in Math, he then continued his studies at California State at Berkeley. David is back at U.T. and currently a PhD candidate in Math.

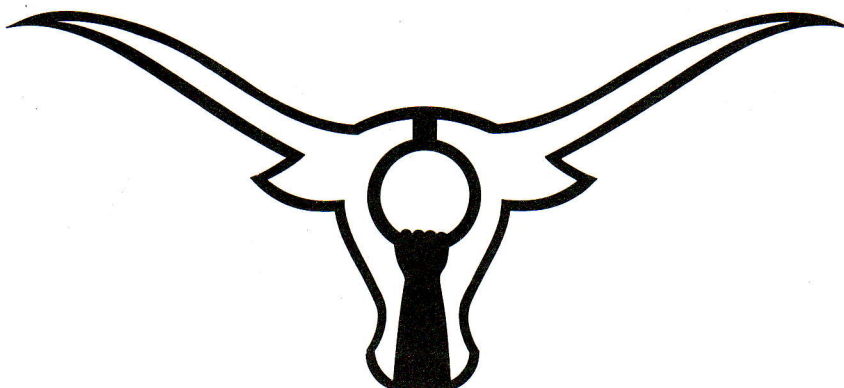


Left to Right: Mark Hartwell, Albert Marabella, François Bigelow, Jim Prescott, Rob Julian, Coach Dailey, Eric Wiesner, Rome Milan, Mason Harlow, David Bybell, and Scott Thomas. Kneeling: Gary Dowdy and Mark Sherman.

The University of Texas Men's Gymnastics Team is currently a Sports Club under the jurisdiction of the Recreational Sports Department. A few other Texas schools rate their gymnastics teams equal to intramural sports, such as Southwest Texas and Pan American Universities, and brand new gymnastics sports clubs are now at Texas Tech and Texas A&M. But most of our opposition, such as Odessa and New Mexico Junior Colleges, Houston Baptist University, Air Force Academy, Northern Colorado University, and all other schools in our region, all sport Intercollegiate programs complete with coaches salaries and scholarships. Although we sense a disadvantage to these teams, we always give them a good meet. As far as we know, we are the top Sports Club Gymnastics Team in the USA.

Funds are provided by the Recreational Sports Department, but it is not near enough to pay travel expenses. Over 40% of our budget is earned through post-game stadium clean-up, T-shirt sales, and exhibitions. We manage to save expenses by traveling in personal cars and arranging to sleep in host school's gyms while on out-of-town meets. By the end of the season, the funds left will only partially pay for one or two gymnast to represent Texas at the NCAA Regional Meet.

To uphold our level of competition, it requires 15 or more hours per week in the gym. There are no scholarships for gymnastics nor are there salaries for our coaches. We carry and set up the equipment before and after each meet and provide our own publicity. Is it worth the trouble? You bet it is. We recognize gymnastics as the constructive athletic sport it is...and we love it!



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GYMNASTICS

1978-79 SCHEDULE

December 2	Odessa	Austin, TX	7:00 p.m.
January 19	N.M.J.C.	Hoffs, NM	7:30 p.m.
January 20	Odessa	Odessa, TX	
January 27	S.W.T.S.U.		
	Pan American University	Austin, TX	7:00 p.m.
February 2	Air Force Academy	Colorado Springs, Colorado	7:00 p.m.
February 3	Northern Colorado University	Greeley, Colorado	2:00 p.m.
February 10	Air Force Academy	Austin, TX	7:00 p.m.
February 24	Houston Baptist University	Houston, TX	7:30 p.m.
March 2	N.M.J.C.	Austin, TX	7:00 p.m.
March 23, 24	NCAA Midwest Regional Championships	Ft. Collins, Co	
April 5-7	NCAA National Championships	Baton Rouge, LA	